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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

2007-08 DEBT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES; BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE AUTHORIZATION AND BAN REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION; TAX-EXEMPT COMMERCIAL PAPER AUTHORIZATION; HEALTH FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION (ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1) Approve the attached Debt Management Guidelines which limit the issuance of various debt financing instruments in 2007-08.
- 2) Approve the issuance of short-term Bond Anticipation Notes in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$70.0 million to finance the acquisition of various equipment needs through the Los Angeles County Capital Asset Leasing Corporation.
- 3) Approve the issuance of Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper in the amount of \$121.3 million to finance projected design and construction costs in 2007-08 of seven Health Services statutorily required and high priority projects identified in our DHS Hospital Improvement Financing memorandum to your Board on January 23, 2006 as reaffirmed November 17, 2006.
- 4) Approve a not to exceed limit of \$94.3 million on the issuance of Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper to finance project costs in 2007-08 for the LAC+USC Medical Center Replacement Project to temporarily backfill

delayed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) project funding.

- Adopt the attached "Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles Declaring its Intention to Reimburse Certain Capital Expenditures from the Proceeds of Taxable or Tax-Exempt Obligations (2007-08 Equipment BANs Program)".
- Adopt the attached "Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles Declaring its Intention to Reimburse Certain Capital Expenditures from the Proceeds of Taxable or Tax-Exempt Obligations (Health Facilities Improvements Program)".

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Approval of the recommended actions will establish guidelines that limit the issuance of County debt financing instruments in 2007-08 and allow the issuance of short-term Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs), to provide interim financing of equipment acquisitions, and allow the issuance of tax-exempt commercial paper (TECP), to provide interim financing of statutorily required or high priority health facility projects and to backfill delayed FEMA reimbursement of project costs on the LAC+USC Medical Center Replacement Project, in accordance with federal tax regulations.

Background

On July 3, 1990, the Board of Supervisors adopted Comprehensive Debt Management Guidelines (Guidelines) to regulate the use of various financing instruments. The Guidelines provide limits for the issuance of short and long-term obligations. They do not apply to voter-approved debt or debt incurred by Agency funds. The Guidelines are reviewed annually and an annual update is filed with the Board regarding the following types of obligations:

- Bond Anticipation Notes
- Short-Term Tax-Exempt Notes
- Long-Term Leasehold Revenue Bonds or Certificates of Participation
- Unrated Short and Long-Term Obligations

The limits adopted for each of these debt categories are expressed as a percentage of the Total County Budget and represent the maximum amount of short-term obligations such as the BANs or tax-exempt commercial paper which may be issued as well as the maximum level of annual debt service on intermediate and long-term obligations and

bonds and certificates of participation (COPs) which may be incurred during the fiscal year.

In 1990, the Board of Supervisors approved a limit on the level of BANs issued and outstanding for capital projects and equipment equal to 2.0 percent of the Total County Budget. The Board also approved a limit on the annual payments due on intermediate and long-term bonds or COPs equal to 4.0 percent of the Total County Budget, and 0.4 percent for unrated, publicly offered obligations. Since that time, your Board has adjusted these maximum annual limits based on anticipated debt issuances. For the 2006-07 Debt Guidelines, your Board approved a limit on short-term BANs and tax-exempt commercial paper at 0.6 percent of the Total County Budget and 4.0 percent for intermediate and long-term bonds or COPs, and at 0.4 percent for unrated publicly offered obligations.

LAC+USC Medical Center Replacement Project (Replacement Project)

During 2005-06, your Board approved the securitization of a portion of future tobacco settlement funds to repay all outstanding TECP issued for the Replacement Project. On February 8, 2006, the Treasurer-Tax Collector successfully completed the sale of tobacco securitization bonds and repaid \$267.6 million in outstanding Replacement Project TECP. At that time, we advised your Board that no additional TECP would be necessary to fund the Replacement Project. However, in March 2007, the California Office of Emergency Services, which administers the FEMA grant funding, notified the County that the remaining \$94.3 million balance of FEMA reimbursement for the Replacement Project would not be released until all work on the project had been finished and an audit completed. The delay in reimbursement has created a gap in project funding which must be bridged to ensure the timely completion of the project and fulfillment of contractual obligations. We are not requesting approval of TECP for the Replacement Project through this action. Together with the Treasurer-Tax Collector, we will return to your Board to request specific authorization for TECP issuance for the Replacement Project.

Proposed 2007-08 Debt Management Guidelines

The Proposed 2007-08 Debt Guidelines place a limit on short-term BANs and taxexempt commercial paper at 1.4 percent of the Total County Budget and maintain the limits on annual payments as a share of Total County Budget at 4.0 percent for intermediate and long-term bonds or COPs, and at 0.4 percent for unrated publicly offered obligations.

The recommended short-term debt limit for 2007-08 reflects an increase from the 2006-07 limit due to the issuance of increased amounts of TECP to provide interim financing of statutorily required or high priority health facility projects as listed in Table 1 (Health Facilities Projects), as well as to cover the unexpected delay in reimbursement on the Replacement Project. We anticipate needing a maximum TECP authorization of \$215.6 million in 2007-08 to finance up to \$121.3 million in expenditures for the Health Facilities Projects as well as \$94.3 million for project costs on the Replacement Project. We will return periodically to your Board to request adjustments to the appropriation levels of these TECP-funded projects as needed. See Table 1 below for the breakdown of TECP authorization by project.

Table 1

Hospital	Project (Capital Project Org.)	2007-08 TECP Authorization
Harbor/UCLA	Surgery/Emergency Room Project (C.P. 69220)	\$45.3 million
High Desert	Multipurpose Ambulatory Care Center Conversion (C.P. 77350)	6.0 million
Olive View	Emergency Room Replacement (C.P. 69249)	12.0 million
M.L.King/Harbor	SB1953 Seismic Retrofit Program (C.P. 86536)	5.0 million
Olive View	SB1953 Seismic Retrofit Program (C.P. 86537)	14.8 million
Harbor/UCLA	SB1953 Seismic Retrofit Program (C.P. 86534)	15.0 million
Rancho Los Amigos	SB1953 Seismic Retrofit Program (C.P. 86536)	8.2 million
Subtotal		\$106.3 million
	Contingency	15.0 million
Total		\$121.3 million

The recommended limits on annual payments for intermediate and long-term bonds or COPs are consistent with the Guidelines adopted in 1990. The debt and annual payment obligations projected for 2007-08 are specified in Attachment I.

Reimbursement Resolution

In addition to adopting the proposed debt limits, we are requesting that your Board execute the two attached Reimbursement Resolutions, as approved by County Counsel, to comply with federal tax regulations governing the recovery of County capital costs from taxable and tax-exempt bond proceeds. Execution of the 2007-08 Equipment BANs Program resolution will enable the County to maximize reimbursement for costs related to the financing of equipment for various County departments. Execution of the Health Facilities Improvements Program resolution will enable the County to maximize reimbursement for costs related to the financing of projects costs on the TECP-financed health project discussed in this letter.

Internal Revenue Service Requirements

In 1991, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) introduced regulations governing the reimbursement of expenditures from bond or COP proceeds. In order to ensure the continued recovery of allowable expenditures which were related to equipment acquisitions, the regulations require your Board to adopt a Resolution which states the following:

- your Board's intention to finance expenditures related to equipment acquisitions;
- a statement that any such expenditures would be financed through a tax-exempt or taxable issuance of bonds or COPs;
- a qualitative description of the proposed project whose expenditures would be reimbursed from the proceeds of such an issue; and
- identification of the expected source(s) of funds which would initially pay for such expenditures and ultimately be utilized to repay the bond or COP obligation.

The attached Resolution meets IRS regulations and will allow for maximum reimbursement of County expenditures for equipment from future bond sales. Prior and current year costs have been included to allow reimbursement from a future bond sale. A description of the proposed equipment is attached for your review.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended actions will enable the County to finance ongoing equipment and capital needs. Funding for the repayment of BANs and debt service on intermediate and long-term obligations has been included in the Proposed 2007-08 Budget. Attachment II summarizes General County debt obligations as of July 1, 2006.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The attached Reimbursement Resolutions have been approved by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The recommended action will ensure that the County's long-standing LAC-CAL Equipment Program continues.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval of the recommendations, please forward an adopted, stamped copy of the Board letter and an executed copy of the Reimbursement Resolutions to my office.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID E. JANSSEN

Chief Administrative Officer

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Attachments

c: County Counsel

Auditor-Controller

Treasurer and Tax Collector

County of Los Angeles Debt Management Guidelines Proposed 2007-08 Debt Limits

		Obligation Type	-	Maximum Limits Per Guidelines	Levels in Final 2007-08 Budget	
Tota	ıl 200	7-08 County Budget: \$21,241,000,000				
i.		rt-Term Obligations it on Principal Outstanding as a Percentage of Total County Budget				
	a.	Dollar Limits			.	
-		Outstanding LAC-CAL Bond Anticipation Notes (1) Authorized LAC-CAL Acquisitions in 2007-08 Outstanding Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper (TECP): Health Facility Projects Estimated TECP Issuance for Health Facility Projects in 2007-08 Estimated TECP Issuance for LAC+USC Replacement Project in 2007-08 (6)	\$	70,000,000 123,800,000 (4) 94,300,000	\$ 30,000,000 22,232,000 2,500,000 121,300,000 94,300,000	(3) (5)
		Total	\$	288,100,000	\$ 270,332,000	
	b.	Percent of Total County Budget		1.36%	1.27%	.
11.		licly Offered Intermediate and Long-Term Obligations (7) its on Annual Payments as a Percentage of Total County Budget				
	a.	Dollar Limits (in millions)	\$	849,640,000	\$ 540,964,748	
	b.	Percent of Total County Budget		4.00%	2.55%	ļ
131.		rately Placed, Intermediate-Term Equipment Leases (8) its on Annual Payments as a Percentage of Total County Budget			. · · ·	
	a. b.	Dollar Limits (in millions) Percent of Total County Budget	\$	84,964,000 0.40%	\$ 21,434,861 0.10%	

Notes:

- (1) Reflects BANs issued by the LAC-CAL Corporation to the County Treasury Pool which are ultimately redeemed through the issuance of bonds or certificates of participation. Until redemption, interest payments are payable on a semi-annual basis.
- (2) Reflects amount of LAC-CAL BANs outstanding as of 7/1/07.
- (3) Reflects the value of acquisitions identified for lease-purchase financing through LAC-CAL in the Proposed 2007-08 Budget
- (4) Reflects the TECP amount approved by the Board of Supervisors in this action to fund the 2006-07 anticipated project costs related to capital projects in the Health Facilities Capital Improvement special fund.
- (5) Reflects the amount of tax-exempt commercial paper (TECP) for Health Facilities Projects that remains outstanding as of 07/1/07, all related to Harbor Hospital Seismic Retrofit (SB1953) project.
- (6) Assumes future Board approval of \$94.3 million TECP issuance for LAC+USC Replacement Project
- (7) Reflects 2007-08 payments due on intermediate and long-term obligations outstanding as of 7/1/2007.
- (8) Reflects 2007-08 payments on various unrated, privately-placed equipment leases with maturities of 18 to 120 months.

GENERAL COUNTY DEBT OBLIGATIONS SUMMARY SHEET AS OF JULY 1, 2007

				Outstanding Principal		Total Future Payments		2007-08 Payments
ı.	Debt Summary							
	a. Total Outs	anding Principal	\$	1,441,826,104	\$	0	\$	0
	b. Total Futur	e Payments		0		2,805,969,941	•	. 0
	c. Total 2005	06 Payments		0		0		518,563,096
II.	Outstanding De	bt By Type of Obligation				•		
	a. General Ob	ligation Bonds	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0
	b. Special Fun	d Obligations		. 0		. 0		0
	c. Pension Ob	ligation Bonds/Certificates	V.	546,849,148		1,432,236,545		381,602,899
	d. Long-Term	Bonds/Certificates: Capital Projects		875,711,956		1,353,491,084		125,444,184
	e. Intermediate	e Term Bonds/Certificates	<u> </u>	19,265,000		20,242,313		11,516,013
	Total		\$ _	1,441,826,104	\$	2,805,969,941	\$	518,563,096
III.	Outstanding De	bt by Function						
	a. Public Safet	у	\$	555,412,054	\$	796,104,953	s	74,208,816
	b. General Go	vernment		20,898,326		25,236,788	*	4,081,476
	c. Pension Bo	nds	•	547,283,772		1,432,561,710		382,241,261
	d. Health			155,195,380		185,891,850		35,885,436
	e. Culture and	Recreation		109,949,738		296,196,659		12,905,176
	f. Other			53,086,833		69,977,981		9,240,932
	Total		\$	1,441,826,103	\$	2,805,969,941	\$	518,563,096
IV.	: Distribution of (Obligations by Funding Source						×
	a. General Fur	nd .	\$	540,809,412	\$	1,060,961,149	s	188,860,172
	b. Other Funds		·		•	.,,,	*	.00,000,112
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		igation Bond Fund erprise Funds	\$.	0	\$. 0	\$	0
	•	Construction Funds		297,112,966		557,278,230		134,812,633
		ricts/Special Funds		339,022,443		539,332,655		32,316,471
	Trial Court 7			88,836,324		187,323,725		39,725,924
	Subtotal	rust runu	\$	28,109,687	·	73,621,255		19,615,534
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	c. Private Fund	ling (Endowments)	\$	0	\$. 0	\$	0
	d. State and Fe	ederal Subvention	\$	147,935,272	\$	387,452,927	\$	103,232,361
	Total		\$	1,441,826,104	\$	2,805,969,941	s	518,563,096

N/PB/debt guidelines attachment II 7-1-07.123

GENERAL COUNTY DEBT OBLIGATIONS SUMMARY SHEET AS OF JULY 1, 2007

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAXABLE OR TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS (2007-08 EQUIPMENT BANS PROGRAM)

WHEREAS, from time to time the County of Los Angeles (the "County") desires and intends to undertake the purchase of tangible personal property having a useful life of three years or more (the "Equipment"), as set forth in the schedule attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, no funds of the County or of any other entity which is a part of the controlled group of which the County is a part (the "Controlled Group") are, or are reasonably expected to be, allocated, reserved or otherwise set aside in the County's budget or in the Controlled Group's budget on a long-term basis to pay the costs of the Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the costs of the Equipment will initially be paid from the proceeds of Bond Anticipation Notes ("BANs") issued by the Los Angeles County Capital Asset Leasing Corporation ("LAC-CAL") and purchased by the Treasurer and Tax Collector of the County; and

WHEREAS, the costs of the Equipment paid with the proceeds of the BANs are expenditures of a type which are properly chargeable to a capital account under general federal income tax principles in connection with the Equipment, and

WHEREAS, the County expects to issue taxable or tax-exempt bonds, notes, or certificates of participation, or enter into a tax-exempt lease with a third-party lessor ("Obligations") to redeem the BANs and reimburse the capital expenditures of the County with respect to the Equipment which were paid with the proceeds of the BANs; and

WHEREAS, after issuance of the Obligations, the County will: (1) evidence the reimbursement allocation with an entry in the books or records which it maintains with respect to the Obligations, (2) identify in such entry the actual prior expenditure being reimbursed or the fund from which the expenditure was paid, and (3) be relieved of any restrictions under the relevant legal documents and applicable state law with respect to the amount received as reimbursement as a result of the reimbursement allocation; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution will be reasonably available for public inspection within a reasonable period of time after its date of adoption and in the same manner governing the public availability of records of other official acts of the County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended to be a "declaration of official intent" in accordance with Section 1.150-2 of the regulations of the United States Department of Treasury under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Treasury Regulations");

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board does find, resolve, determine and order that in accordance with Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations, the County declares its intention to issue Obligations to finance the Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$70,000,000, the proceeds of which will be used to reimburse the County for capital

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR. COUNTY COUNSEL

Principal Deputy County Counsel

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAXABLE OR TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS (HEALTH FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM)

WHEREAS, from time to time the County of Los Angeles (the "County") desires and intends to expend funds on certain health facility capital improvement projects (the "Projects"), as set forth in Attachment 1 hereto; and

WHEREAS, no funds of the County or of any other entity which is a part of the controlled group of which the County is a part (the "Controlled Group") are, or are reasonably expected to be, allocated, reserved or otherwise set aside in the County's budget or in the Controlled Group's budget on a long-term basis to pay the costs of the Projects; and

WHEREAS, the costs of the Projects will initially be paid from amounts temporarily withdrawn from the General Fund of the County of Los Angeles and/or the proceeds of Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper ("TECP") issued by the Los Angeles County Capital Asset Leasing Corporation ("LAC-CAL"); and

WHEREAS, the costs of the Projects paid with the proceeds of the TECP are expenditures of a type which are properly chargeable to a capital account under general federal income tax principles in connection with the Projects, and

WHEREAS, the County expects to issue taxable or tax-exempt bonds, notes,

or certificates of participation, or enter into a tax-exempt lease with a third-party lessor ("Obligations") to reimburse the capital expenditures of the County with respect to the Projects; and

WHEREAS, after issuance of the Obligations, the County will:

(1) evidence the reimbursement allocation with an entry in the books or records which it maintains with respect to the Obligations, (2) identify in such entry the actual prior expenditure being reimbursed or the fund from which the expenditure was paid, and (3) be relieved of any restrictions under the relevant legal documents and applicable state law with respect to the amount received as reimbursement as a result of the reimbursement allocation; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution will be reasonably available for public inspection within a reasonable period of time after its date of adoption and in the same manner governing the public availability of records of other official acts of the County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution is intended to be a "declaration of official intent" in accordance with Section 1.150-2 of the regulations of the United States Department of Treasury under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Treasury Regulations");

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board does find, resolve, determine and order that in accordance with Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations, the County declares its intention to issue Obligations to finance the Projects in an amount not to exceed \$215,600,000, the proceeds of which will be used to reimburse the County for capital

expenditures paid for the Projects prior	to the issuance of sai	d Obligations.
The foregoing resolution v	was on the	day of June, 2007 adopted
by the Board of Supervisors of the Co	unty of Los Angeles a	nd ex-officio the governing
body of all other special assessment and	d taxing districts, agend	ies and authorities for which
said Board so acts.		
	SACHI A. HAMAI, E. Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles	•
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	Deputy	/
APPROVED AS TO FORM:		
RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR. COUNTY COUNSEL		
By County Counsel Principal Deputy County Counsel		

Attachment to Tax-Exempt Commercial Paper Program Reimbursement Resolution dated January ____, 2007

Attachment I

Health Facility Capital Improvement Projects

Location

Project

Capital Expenditure to Be Reimbursed

High Desert	Multipurpose Ambulatory Care Center Conversion		
Olive View	Emergency Room/Tuberculosis Unit		
Harbor/UCLA	SB1953 Seismic Retrofit Program		
MLK	SB1953 Seismic Retrofit Program		
Olive View	SB1953 Seismic Retrofit Program		
Rancho Los Amigos	SB1953 Seismic Retrofit Alternative		
Rancho Los Amigos	SB1953 Seismic Retrofit (Outpatient Building)		

fing) \$xx million
Total: \$100 million

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Health Facilities Improvements Program Projects

<u>Location</u>	<u>Project</u>	Estimated Project Cost
High Desert Health System	Ambulatory Care Building	\$98.9 million
Olive View Medical Center	Emergency Room Replacement/Tuberculosis Unit	\$49.4 million
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center	SB1953 Structural/Nonstructural Retrofit	\$41.1 million
Harbor-UCLA Medical Center	Surgery/Emergency Replacement	\$344.1 million
M.L,King/Harbor Hospital	SB1953 Structural/Nonstructural Retrofit	\$68.1 million
Olive View Medical Center	SB1953 Nonstructural Retrofit	\$27.5 million
Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center	Hospital Consolidation	\$42.0 million
Total		\$671.1 million